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( ) continuation-in-part application

INVENTOR(S): Takasugi et al.

TITLE: Buffer Management for Data Transfers Between a Host Device and a Storage Medium

Enclosed are:

☒ The Declaration and Power of Attorney. ☒ signed ( ) unsigned or partially signed☒ 12 sheets of drawings (one set) ( ) Associate Power of Attorney

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Utility Patent Application Transmittal Page  
Fee Transmittal Page  
Utility Patent Application Consisting Of:  
12 Pages of Specification  
5 Pages of Claims (Claims 1-24)  
1 Page of Abstract  
12 Pages of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-8C)

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